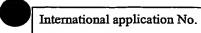
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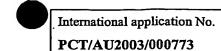
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1.	With	regard to the elements of the international application:*					
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		the description,	pages , as originally filed,				
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		the claims,	pages , as originally filed,				
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2.	whic	h regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in ch the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. se elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:					
			translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).				
		the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).					
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3.		regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international eliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: contained in the international application in written form.					
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		the desc	ription, pages				
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims 1-30	YES			
	•	Claims	NO			
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-30	YES			
	· ·	Claims	NO			
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-30	YES			
		Claims	NO			

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

All the documents cited in the ISR were category A only. Therefore the claimed invention is not disclosed in any of these patent documents and hence all the claims are novel.

Furthermore, the claimed invention is not obvious in the light of any of the cited documents nor is it disclosed in any obvious combination of them. It is also considered that the invention would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of common general knowledge either by itself or in combination with any of these documents.